

## REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application with all claims being rejected in the present Office Action.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,268,847 (Glen) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,844,623 (Iwamura). Claims 3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glen, Iwamura, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,844,541 (Cahill).

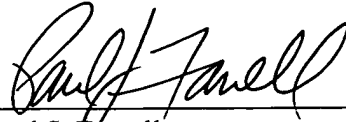
Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to more clearly recite teachings of the present invention. Specifically Claims 1 and 4 now recite “generating a timing signal for alternatively obtaining access to the first and second memories and providing the generated timing signal to the first and second memories”. This recitation is not taught by Glen, Iwamura, Cahill, or any combination thereof.

Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 3, and 5, it is submitted that they overcome the prior art by virtue of their dependencies on independent Claims 1 and 4. Accordingly, it is submitted that Claims 1-5 are patentable.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-5 is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that ending Claims 1-5 are believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully

requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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